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SENT VIA FOIAONLINE TO: RAMYA.KRISHNAN@KNIGHTCOLUMBIA.ORG
MS RAMYA KRISHNAN
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Dear Ms. Krishnan:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST FILE
NUMBER DON-USMC-2018-002646

This acknowledges receipt of your December 13, 2017, FOIA request for records relating to interactions or communications between the Department of Defense (DoD) and agency employees in processing prepublication reviews. Your request was received on December 27th and we assigned it file number **DON-USMC-2018-002646**.

We contacted the Office of Marine Corps Communication (commonly known as the Public Affairs Office) and the Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations (PP&O) but were informed that neither of these offices communicate with government employees who submit works for prepublication review. It is the DoD's Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR) that performs this function as they are the actual approval authority. For this reason, the Marine Corps has no records responsive to your request. We would normally forward this matter to the DoD for you, but we see that you have already submitted your request to them; they will respond directly to you.

Although you requested expedited processing, the basis you provided did not demonstrate the kind of compelling need required for us to place your request ahead of all the others that are pending. We therefore, denied your request for expedited processing. You also requested a fee waiver but, since there are no fees associated with the processing of your request, this is moot. We categorized you as an 'educational' requester.

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe it should be granted. We recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

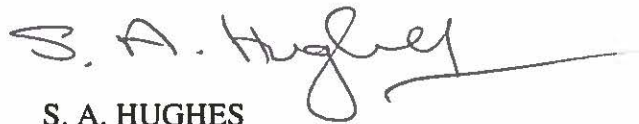
You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at

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Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

I am the official responsible for this determination. Should you have questions about this action, please contact Mr. Michael Peters of my staff at (703) 614-4008, via email to hqmcfoia@usmc.mil, or fax at (703) 614-6287. Please reference the file number in the subject line above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Hughes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

S. A. HUGHES
Head, FOIA/PA Section